

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Laura Renee Adams,  
2008 Valedictorian of Maryville Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Laura Adams is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Maryville Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Adams has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Laura Adams has earned an exemplary 4.33 grade point average while simultaneously participating in a number of clubs and organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, her superior intellect has been duly noted by her receipt of numerous awards and honors, including the Association of Christian Schools International Distinguished Christian High School Student Award, participating on the PBS Scholar's Bowl team and serving as the team captain, and being selected for the Beta Club and rendering sterling service as President, Vice-President, and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams is also peerless in her leadership abilities, serving with great distinction as the Senior Class Secretary, the Student Body Secretary, and a Maryville Christian School small group leader; she honed her leadership skills as a 2006 graduate of Youth Leadership Blount County and honorary shadow of Senator Raymond Finney in 2007; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious high school career, Laura has demonstrated tremendous athletic prowess on the volleyball and basketball courts, serving as Captain of both

varsity teams for two years and lettering in both sports all four years, in addition to being named a Sports Quest Second Team All-American; her athletic abilities were further recognized when she was named the TSCAA All-Tournament Team for volleyball all four years and for basketball for three years, and she also played for the Smokey Mountain Juniors Volleyball Club for two years; and

WHEREAS, Laura's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she is planning to attend Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, from which she received the Presidential scholarship, and an athletic scholarship for volleyball; she has also received the Hope scholarship, and the General Assembly scholarship; and

WHEREAS, a benevolent person who is always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need, Laura Adams has selflessly donated her time and talents to such worthy organizations as the Pregnancy Resource Center; World Changers summer mission trips in Mobile, Alabama, Murphy, North Carolina, and Huntington, West Virginia; and the Madison Avenue Baptist Church Youth Group and Youth Choir, the latter of which she has served as President; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams is a gifted pianist who has displayed her talent performing at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom and Epcot theme parks and at the Orlando Rescue Mission; she also received the National Federation of Music Club's Piano Gold Cup in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Laura Adams's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Greg and Robin Adams, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Maryville Christian School Valedictorian, Ms. Laura Renee Adams, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.